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BOYS' HERO OF THE MONTH



BING CROSBY

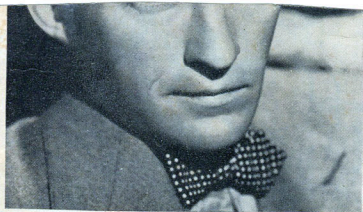
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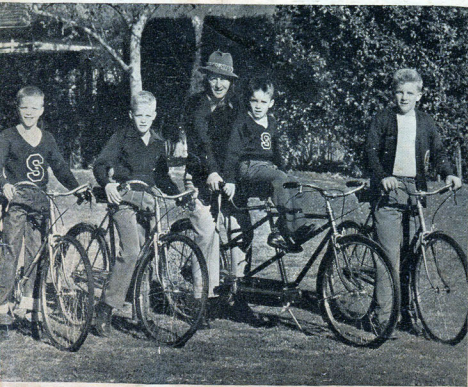
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Bing Crosby has won everything from the Eisenhower Medal to moviedom's prized Oscar. The awards he treasures most, though, are the respect and admiration he has won from his own sons and boys like them everywhere.

This high regard comes from much more than being a top-notch singer and movie and radio personality. Just ask his four sons. To Dennis and Philip, twins, and Lindsay and Gary, left, pop is an all-around guy. He cycles, swims, golfs, plays tennis with them and—yes, he even tells them bed-time stories. What's more, his family life is kept private, a remarkable feat in Hollywood.

Another reason for this esteem is Der Bingle's fight for good clean entertainment. Like any other father, he wants his sons to see and hear quality shows. In his work in movies, radio and recording, therefore, he does his best to give them, and in the bargain all boys, just that. Do the four criticize their old man? You bet. Bing doesn't mind, though. It's an easy way to find out what younger theatre-goers like.



Bing might have been a great baseball player if he hadn't had an accident in his late teens.

Christened Harry Lillis Crosby, the young athlete saw his hopes dissolve when he cut both legs at a lumber camp. The only alternative was studying law at Gonzaga University.

Bing, however, soon began studying sheet music more than deeds and contracts. With a friend he started a dance band which was immediately successful. Bing himself played the traps and sang.

In 1927 Paul Whiteman gave him his big break as one of his Rhythm Boys. With his inimitable voice, easy style and "Boo-boo-boo-boo"-ing it was one step to fame as a radio and recording star. A doctor once found that he owed his unusual voice to nodules—small lumps—on his vocal cords. For safety's sake, Bing had them insured for \$100,000.

Movie hits like "Pennies From Heaven," "Road to Zanzibar" and "Going My Way" proved he was also a good comedian and a serious actor. Above is scene from Bing's newest Paramount film, "Welcome Stranger," in which he is a doctor.

For not letting his career interfere with his family life, for his high standards and endless fine performances, CALLING ALL BOYS votes Bing Crosby "Boys' Hero Of The Month!"

STREAKY SMITH

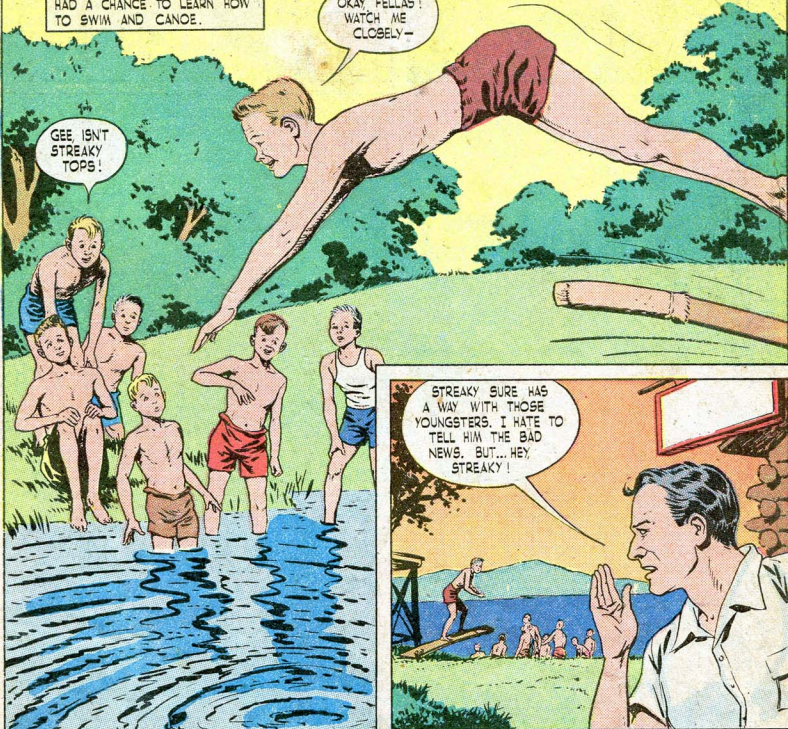
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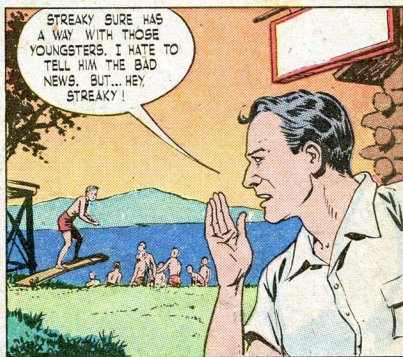
STREAKY IS A COUNSELOR AT THE PINETREE FRESH AIR CAMP—TEACHING BOYS WHO NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO LEARN HOW TO SWIM AND CANOE.

OKAY FELLAS!
WATCH ME
CLOSELY—

GEE ISN'T
STREAKY
TOPS!



STREAKY SURE HAS
A WAY WITH THOSE
YOUNGSTERS. I HATE TO
TELL HIM THE BAD
NEWS. BUT...HEY,
STREAKY!



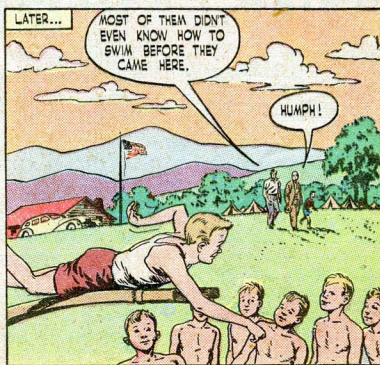
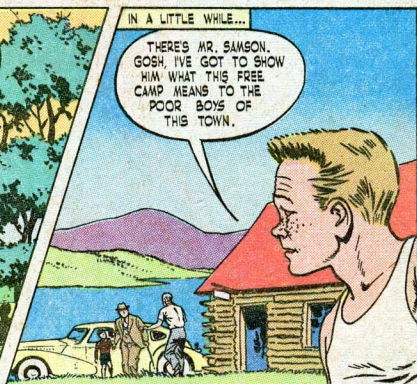
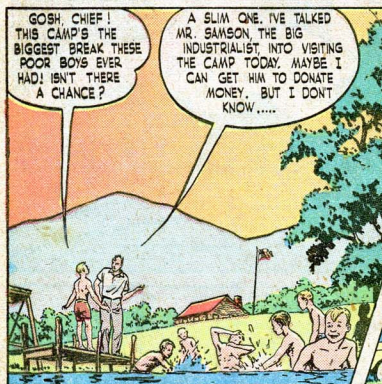
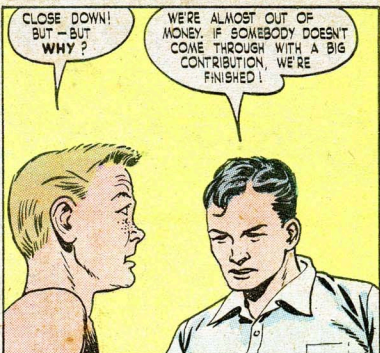
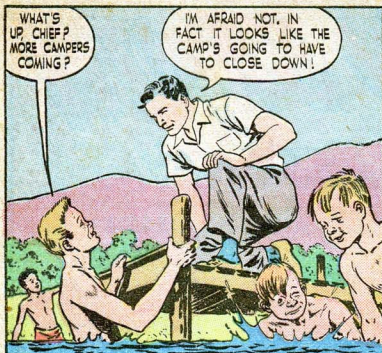
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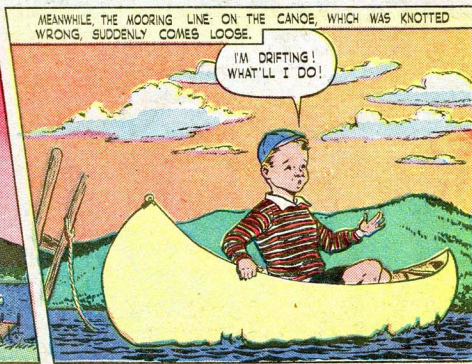
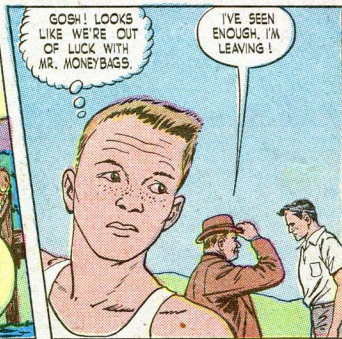
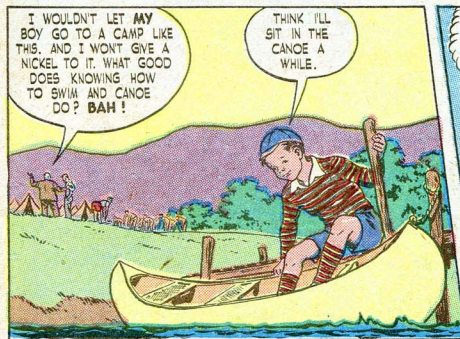
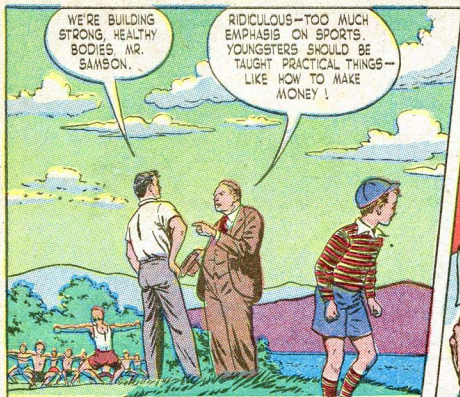
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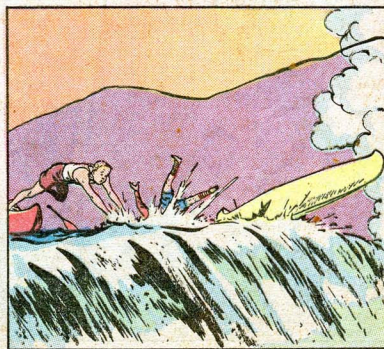
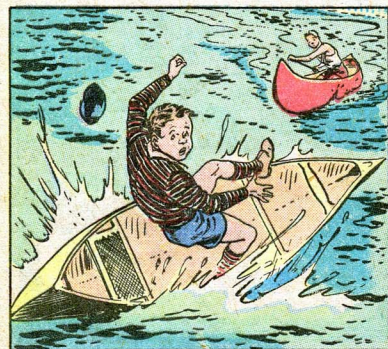
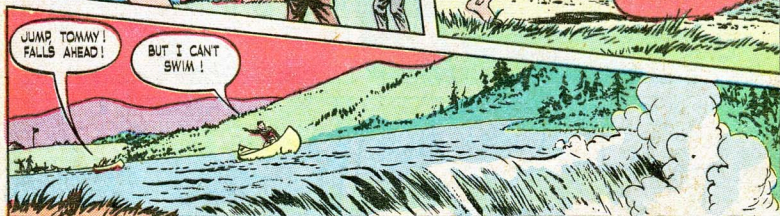
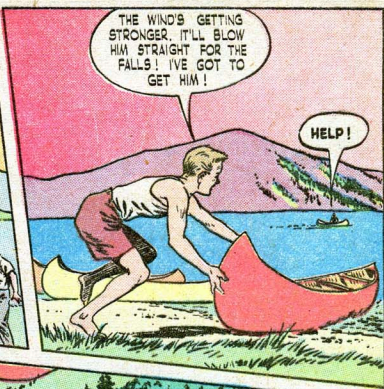
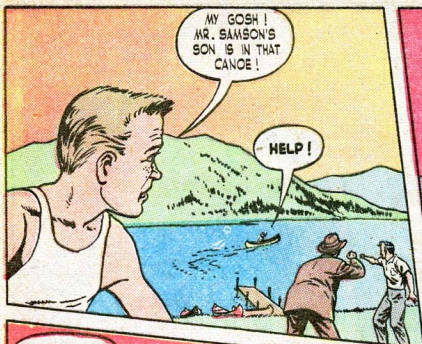
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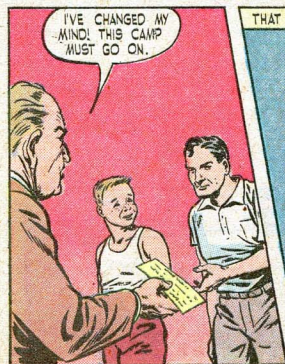
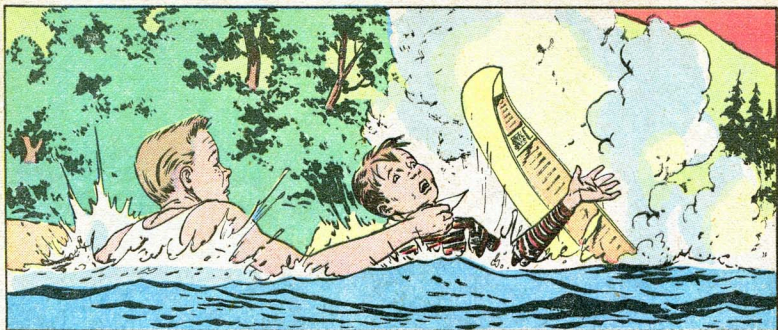
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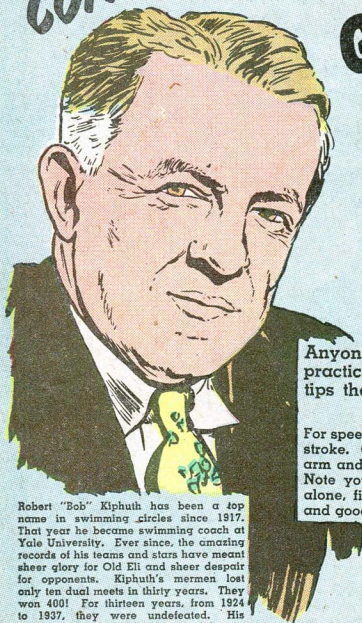






COACH'S CORNER

GET IN THE SWIM!



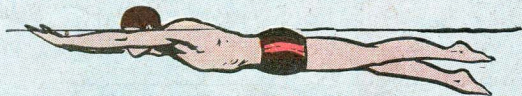
Robert "Bob" Kiphuth has been a top name in swimming circles since 1917. That year he became swimming coach at Yale University. Ever since, the amazing records of his teams and stars have meant sheer glory for Old Eli and sheer despair for opponents. Kiphuth's mermen lost only ten dual meets in thirty years. They won 400! For thirteen years, from 1924 to 1937, they were undefeated. His greatest stars included Howie Johnson, Rene Chouteau and Alan Ford, present holder of the world's 100-yard and 100-meter free-style titles. In addition, he has coached three American Olympic teams. Although fond of swimming for fun, Kiphuth never has swum in competition.

By ROBERT KIPHUTH

Director of Athletics and
Coach of the Swimming
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Anyone can swim. But it takes know-how and practice to swim well. Here's a famous coach with tips that will come in handy these summer days

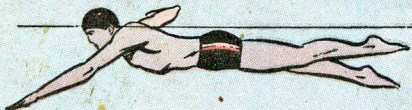
For speed and ease in the water, the crawl is the most practical stroke. Concentrate on it. Compare your position in the water, arm and leg motions and breathing, with the sketches below. Note your mistakes. Then keep practicing, first each phase alone, finally, all together. Get in trim with plenty of sleep and good food. It's easy—and much more fun—to swim well!



Correct position in the water is the first step toward a good crawl. Your body should be face down with the water line just above the eyes. Keep your hips high. You'll get up speed by whipping your legs and feet up and down slightly underwater. For every full arm stroke, right and left, kick downward six times.

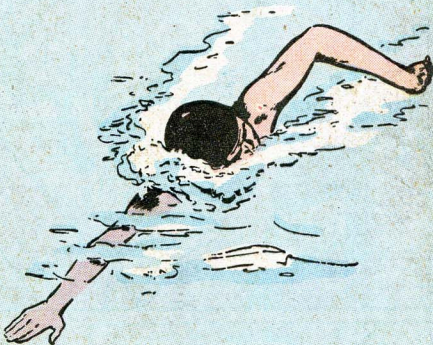


This position, with the arm just about to catch the water and start pulling down, is very important to perfect. The catch sets up the pull, and the pull, of course, gives you half your speed. Note that the reach is done comfortably. Keep your shoulder well up, and your elbow slightly bent and higher than the wrist. Also, see that your arm enters the water neither too wide of the body nor across it.

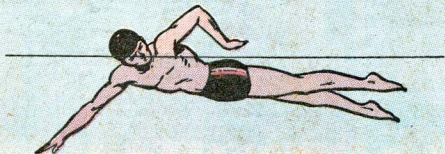


Here's where the crawl comes in, boys. Right at the catch, press down on the water as if you were really crawling over it. Then pull downward and backward, keeping a grip on the water all the time.

Breathing can ruin your form unless you keep your shoulders as flat as possible. Take in air through your mouth after the catch of either arm. Exhale underwater.

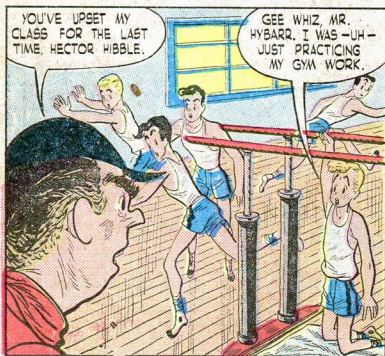
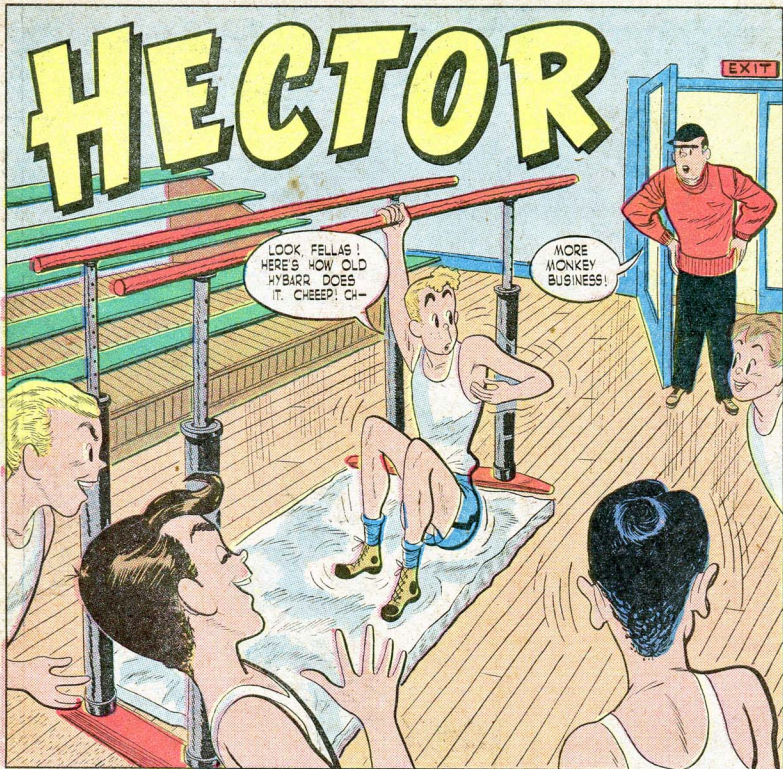


The pull through the water ends with the arm straight and level with the thigh. Think of the whole action as a pressing, pulling and then pushing, at the end of the stroke, to get into catch position again.



In the push, bend your elbow quickly above the water with your hand coming into line with your head. Then extend your elbow until you're in position one again. Each arm does these steps, of course. That's all there is to it, fellows!

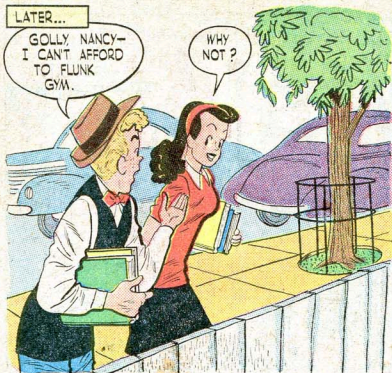
HECTOR



LATER...

GOLLY, NANCY—I CAN'T AFFORD TO FLUNK GYM.

WHY NOT?

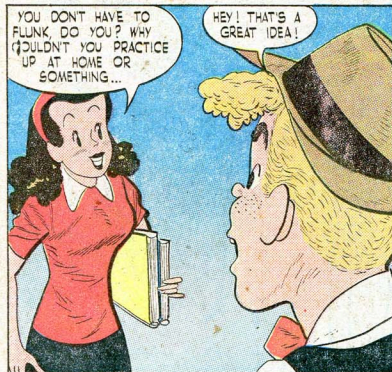


I'M COUNTING ON IT TO BOLSTER MY MARKS IN HISTORY, ENGLISH, MATH AND LATIN.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO FLUNK, DO YOU? WHY COULDN'T YOU PRACTICE UP AT HOME OR SOMETHING...

HEY! THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!



C'MON! WE'LL BUILD A GYM AT MY HOUSE



WHUPS!

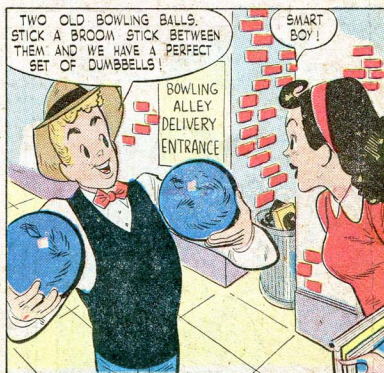
WHAT NOW?

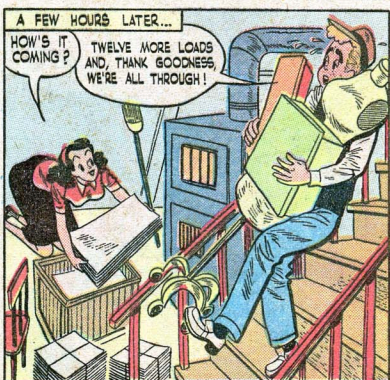
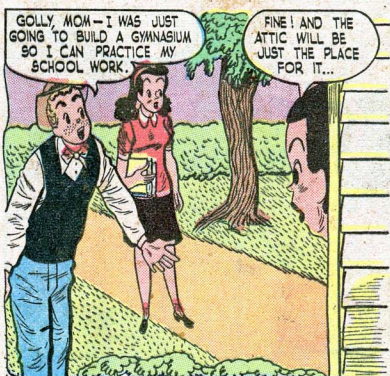
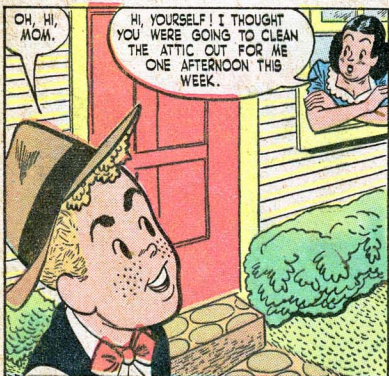
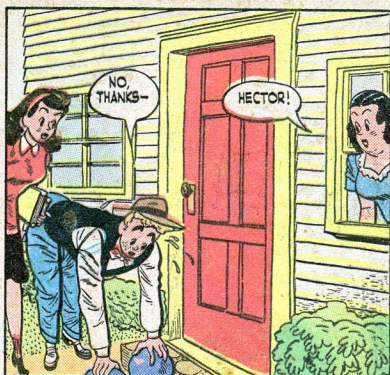
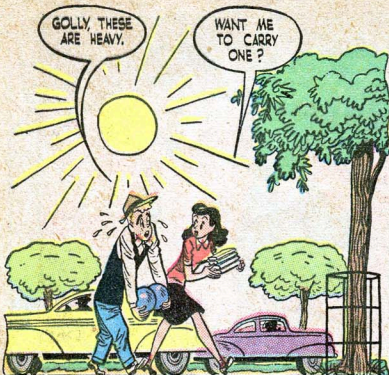


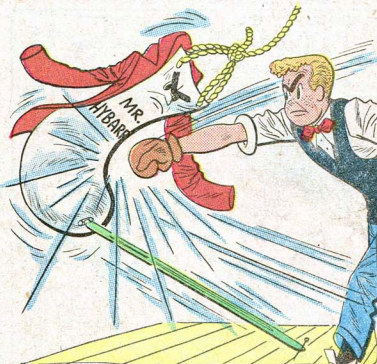
TWO OLD BOWLING BALLS. STICK A BROOM STICK BETWEEN THEM AND WE HAVE A PERFECT SET OF DUMBBELLS!

SMART BOY!

BOWLING ALLEY DELIVERY ENTRANCE







NEXT DAY...

GIRLS' GYM

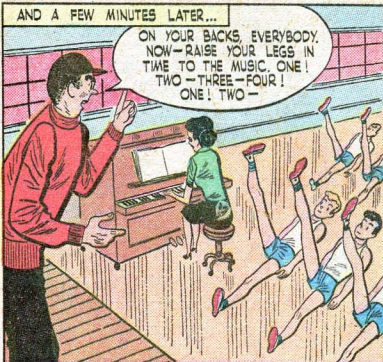
GYM PERIOD, HECTOR. THINK YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF?

PERFECTLY. I'VE BEEN PRACTICING SINCE EARLY THIS MORNING.



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...

ON YOUR BACKS, EVERYBODY. NOW—RAISE YOUR LEGS IN TIME TO THE MUSIC. ONE! TWO—THREE—FOUR! ONE! TWO—



HOLD IT, MISS KEYS! I THINK WE'RE DISTURBING SOMEONE—



HYBARR'S A FUNNY GUY, NANCY. I THOUGHT SURE HE'D THROW ME OUT WHEN HE FOUND ME FAST ASLEEP DURING CLASS—

AND HE DIDN'T?



NOW! HE PROMISED TO PASS ME—ON ONE CONDITION.

WHAT'S THAT?



—THAT I KEEP OUT OF HIS HAIR BY FALLING ASLEEP IN CLASS EVERY DAY!



Perils of PAULINE

ADAPTED FROM THE
MOTION PICTURE, STARRING
BETTY HUTTON AS
PEARL WHITE

PEARL WHITE, QUEEN OF THE OLD-TIME
MOVIE SERIALS, BEGAN HER DAREDEVIL
CAREER WITH A TRAVELING TROUPE
OF STAGE PLAYERS.

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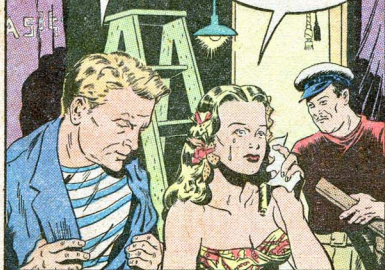
ONE NIGHT AFTER PEARL HAD FINISHED A SCENE
WITH HANDSOME MIKE FARRINGTON...

YOU RUINED THAT SCENE
WITH YOUR CLOWNING!

I'M NO GOOD, MIKE.
I'D BETTER LEAVE
THE PLAYERS.

YOU AND TIMMY HAVE
BEEN SWELL TO ME
ME, JULIA.

THIS ISN'T GOODBY,
PEARL. I'M GOING
WITH YOU!



JULIA WAS FIRST TO GET A JOB—ACTING IN THE "FLICKERS"—AS THE FIRST MOVIES WERE CALLED.

IT'LL BE FUN SEEING YOU ON THE SCREEN, JULIA,

BUT THE STAGE IS SO MUCH NICER. OH, WELL—



PEARL WATCHED AS THE CAMERAS BEGAN TO GRIND...

IT'S A SHAME TO THROW PIES AT A NICE GIRL LIKE THAT!

DIRECTOR'S ORDERS!



HEY, STOP THAT!

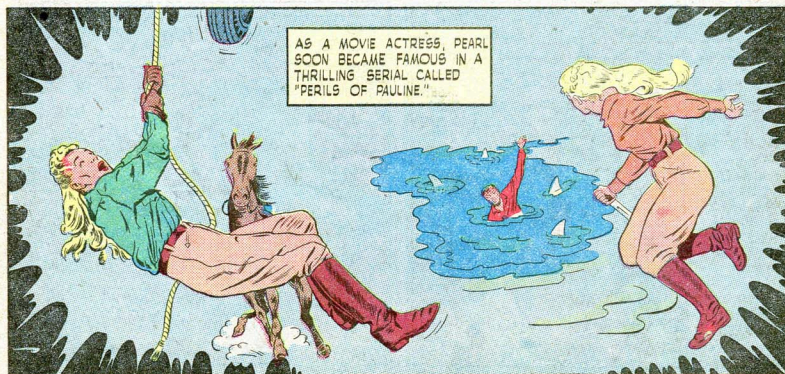


DON'T YOU DARE DO THAT TO MY JULIA!

TAKE IT EASY, SISTER—I CAN USE YOUR ENERGY IN THE MOVIES!



AS A MOVIE ACTRESS, PEARL SOON BECAME FAMOUS IN A THRILLING SERIAL CALLED "PERILS OF PAULINE."



IN EACH EPISODE, PEARL PERFORMED DEATH-DEFYING STUNTS...

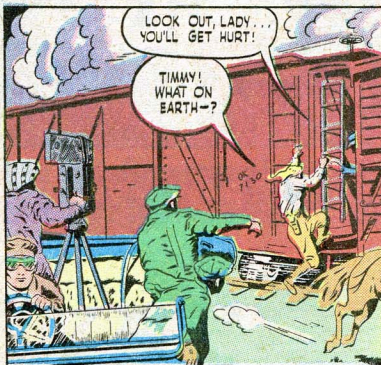
GOSH,
WHAT A
GAL!

I WONDER WHAT'LL
HAPPEN TO HER
NEXT WEEK?



LOOK OUT, LADY...
YOU'LL GET HURT!

TIMMY!
WHAT ON
EARTH—?



WITH MIKE
AS HER
LEADING MAN,
PEARL FELL
IN LOVE
WITH HIM.
BUT THEY
WERE
SEPARATED
WHEN MIKE
ENLISTED
IN WORLD
WAR I.

AT WAR'S
END MIKE
RETURNED
TO THE STAGE.
MEANWHILE...

I'M WASHED UP, JULIA.
PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF
MOVIE SERIALS. THEY
WANT SOMETHING NEW.

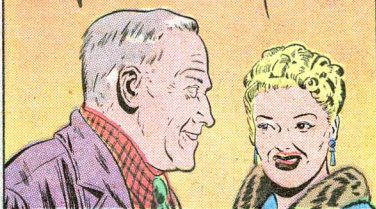
LET'S
FORGET
OUR
TROUBLES
IN
EUROPE.



ONE DAY ON THE MOVIE LOT...

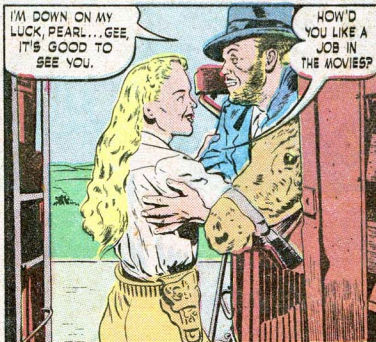
TOMORROW WE SHOOT
THE SCENE WHERE YOU
LEAP FROM A HORSE
ONTO A SPEEDING
FREIGHT TRAIN.

I'LL BE
READY,
BOSS!



I'M DOWN ON MY
LUCK, PEARL...GEE,
IT'S GOOD TO
SEE YOU.

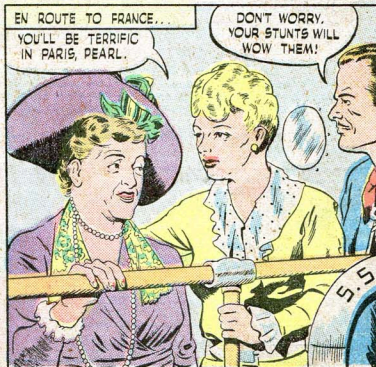
HOW'D
YOU LIKE A
JOB IN
THE MOVIES?



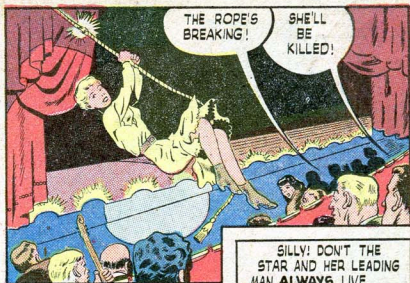
TIMMY BROUGHT PEARL AND MIKE TOGETHER AGAIN.

EN ROUTE TO FRANCE...
YOU'LL BE TERRIFIC
IN PARIS, PEARL.

DON'T WORRY.
YOUR STUNTS WILL
WOW THEM!

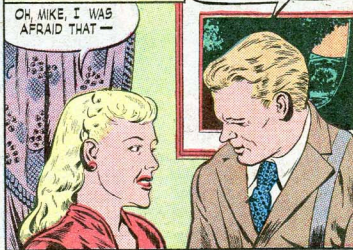


OPENING NIGHT AT THE CASINO DE PARIS...



BUT MIKE FOUND OUT AND...

OH, MIKE, I WAS AFRAID THAT —



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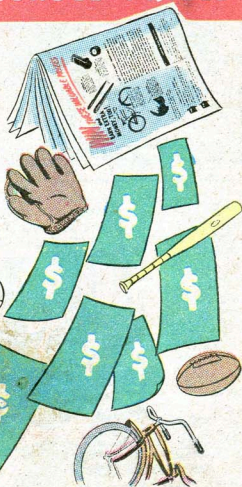
Your plan to earn money and win prizes sounds good to me. Send along full information and a list of prizes so I can get going at once.

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ADDRESS _____

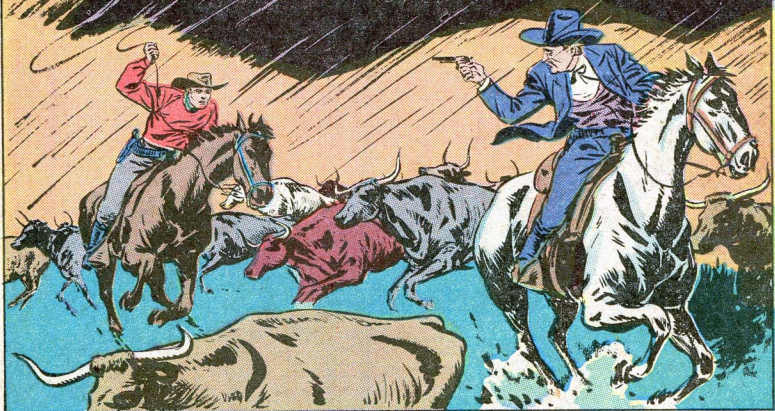
CITY _____ ZONE _____ STATE _____

MAIL
THIS
COUPON
TODAY

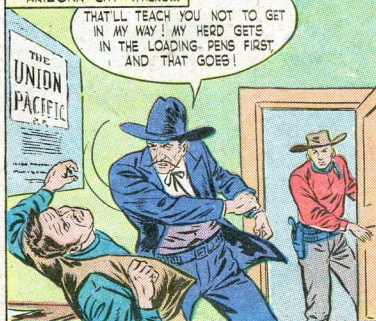


Tex Granger

ROUNDUP TIME IN RAILHEAD FINDS TWO HUGE HERDS COMING INTO TOWN—TEX GRANGER AT THE HEAD OF ONE DRIVE AND LUKE CONWAY DRIVING THE OTHER—WITH A GANG OF IMPORTED GUN-SLINGERS!



OUR STORY OPENS AT THE LOADING PENS IN ARIZONA CITY WHERE...

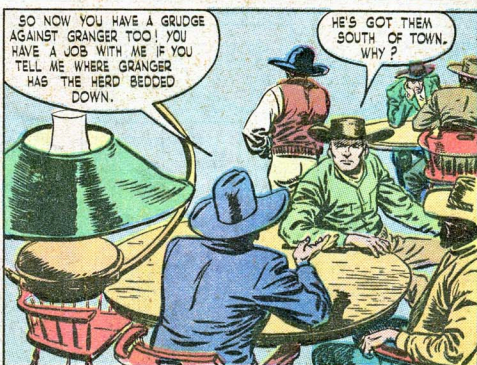


THAT'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO GET IN MY WAY! MY HERD GETS IN THE LOADING PENS FIRST, AND THAT GOES!

I HEARD YOU MENTION USING THE PENS, CONWAY. I FIGURED ON USING THEM MYSELF IN THE MORNING.



YOUR HERD'LL NEVER REACH RAILHEAD, GRANGER! I'M READY FOR YOU THIS TIME!





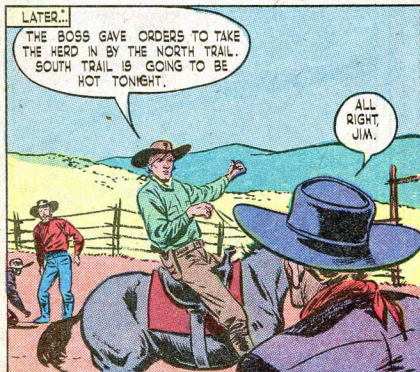
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHY. SNAKE, ROUND UP EVERY GUN-TOTER IN TOWN AND HAVE THEM HERE AT MIDNIGHT.

THEY'LL BE HERE, BOSS.



COLLINS, YOU RIDE OUT TO MY HERD AND TELL THEM TO BRING IT IN BY THE NORTH TRAIL. THE SOUTH TRAIL IS GOING TO BE LIVELY TONIGHT.

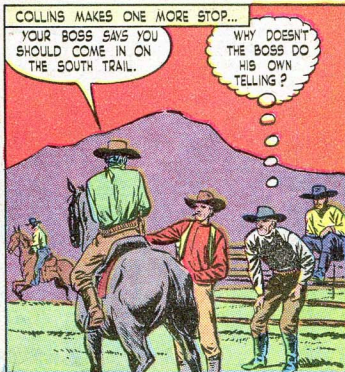
OKAY, BOSS.



LATER...

THE BOSS GAVE ORDERS TO TAKE THE HERD IN BY THE NORTH TRAIL. SOUTH TRAIL IS GOING TO BE HOT TONIGHT.

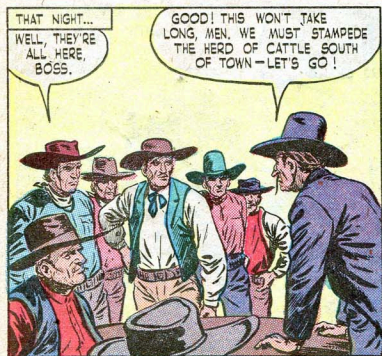
ALL RIGHT, JIM.



COLLINS MAKES ONE MORE STOP...

YOUR BOSS SAYS YOU SHOULD COME IN ON THE SOUTH TRAIL.

WHY DOESN'T THE BOSS DO HIS OWN TELLING?

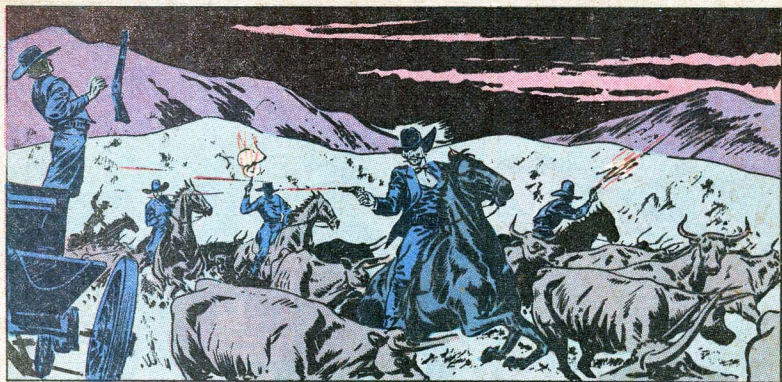


THAT NIGHT... WELL, THEY'RE ALL HERE, BOSS.

GOOD! THIS WON'T TAKE LONG, MEN. WE MUST STAMPEDE THE HERD OF CATTLE SOUTH OF TOWN - LET'S GO!



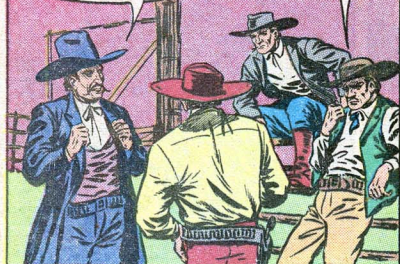
REMEMBER, GO IN FAST AND GET THEM MOVING. THEY'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT THEM.



NEXT MORNING, LUKE AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF HIS HERD AT THE LOADING DEPOT...

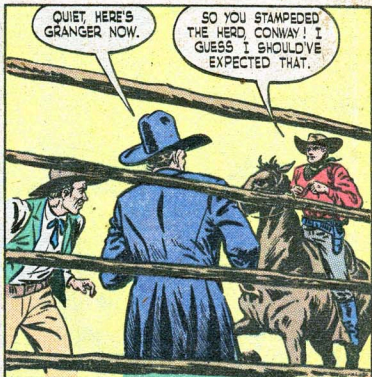
WELL, WE OUTSMARTED GRANGER THAT TIME. THINK YOU BOYS CAN DOWN GRANGER WHEN I GIVE THE WORD?

THAT'S ALL I'M WAITING FOR, BOSS.



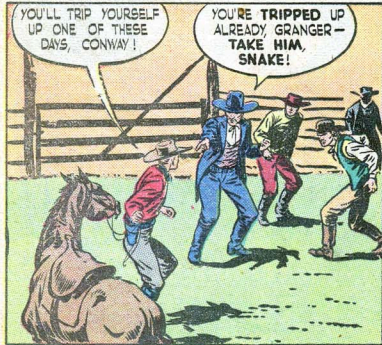
QUIET, HERE'S GRANGER NOW.

SO YOU STAMPEDED THE HERD, CONWAY! I GUESS I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED THAT.

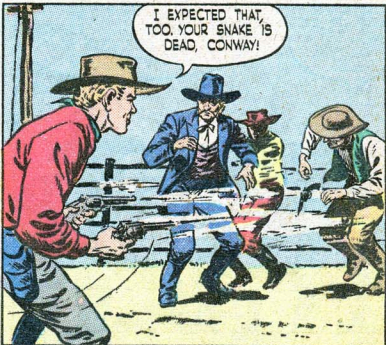


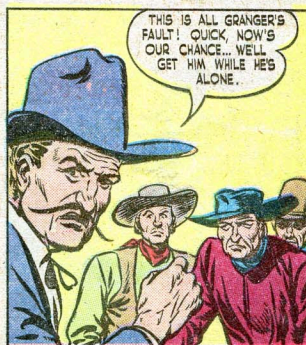
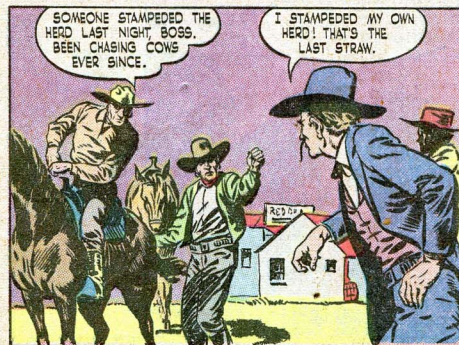
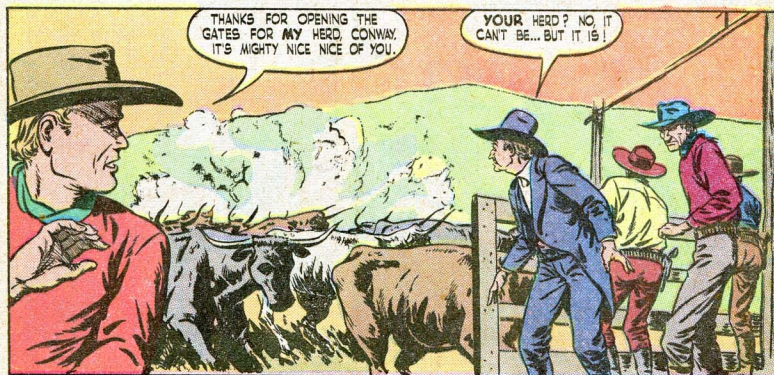
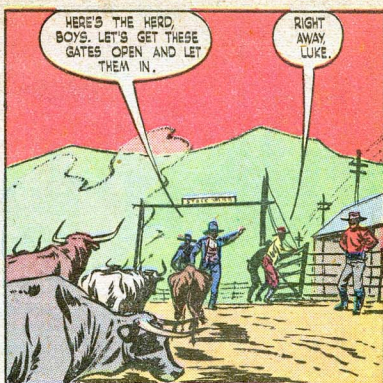
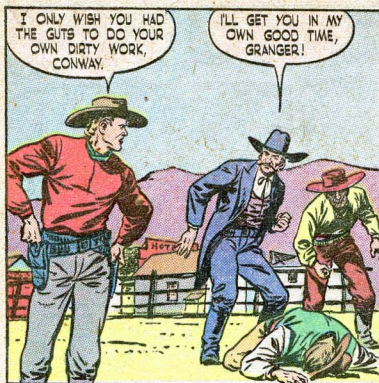
YOU'LL TRIP YOURSELF UP ONE OF THESE DAYS, CONWAY!

YOU'RE TRIPPED UP ALREADY, GRANGER—TAKE HIM, SNAKE!



I EXPECTED THAT, TOO, YOUR SNAKE IS DEAD, CONWAY!

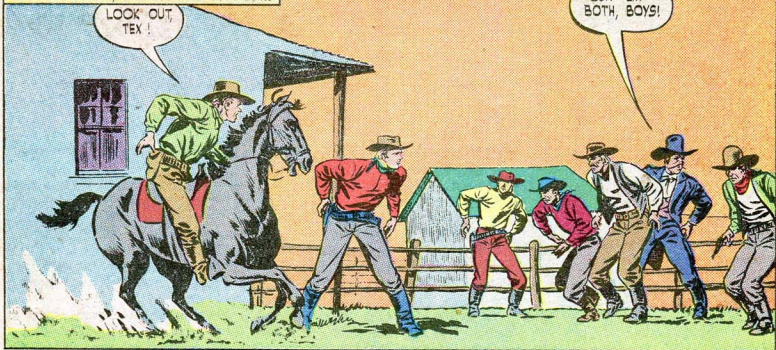




BUT JUST THEN, JIM COLLINS ARRIVES...

LOOK OUT,
TEX!

GUN 'EM
BOTH, BOYS!



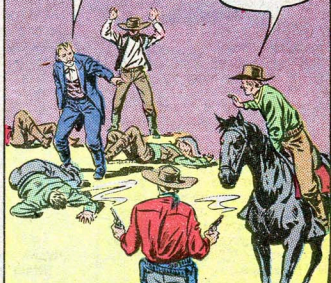
GET GRANGER,
... UUGH!

NOT TODAY,
LUKE!



THIS IS YOUR WORK,
YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING
RAT. YOU SOLD
ME OUT!

NOT ME, CONWAY!
I'VE BEEN WORKING
FOR TEX GRANGER
RIGHT ALONG! TELL
HIM TEX.



JIM AND I STAGED THAT
FIGHT FOR YOUR BENEFIT,
CONWAY. WE GOT OUR
HERD OUT OF THE WAY
AND YOU STAMPEDED
YOUR OWN CATTLE.



NOW, GET OUT OF THIS
PART OF THE COUNTRY,
CONWAY, AND STAY OUT!



IF THERE'S
TROUBLE IN
ARIZONA CITY,
YOU CAN
COUNT ON
TEX GRANGER
TO MAKE
THINGS RIGHT.
DON'T MISS
THE NEXT
TEX GRANGER
ADVENTURE!



It's really great to see so many letters coming in every day from CAB's Correspondents' Club members. Keep them coming! Here are some of the choice items we just received.

Golf Goofy

Down here my friends and I are starting to give our fathers stiff competition on the golf links. After games we go for "highway pups"—frankfurters to you!

Correspondent Jerry Doochin,
16, Nashville, Tennessee

Come Again, Please

Aga-aga boo or Aga-boo boo-Aga is our new way of saying hello.

Correspondent Richard Rivet,
10, Bay City, Michigan

News From India

I am a faithful reader of CAB. It helps improve relations between youths of different countries. The stories are good, but how about more mysteries? My hobbies are stamps and hiking. I've climbed 17,000 feet high in the Himalayas.

Riaz Hussain Khan,
Ichhra, Lahore, India

Radio Fans, Copy!

I have just joined the WTAG Radio Club for Worcester County high school students. There are study groups for each phase of radio work, and soon we will produce our own programs.

Correspondent Freddie Babbitt,
16, Worcester, Massachusetts

Well, Correspondents?

Mail Call is one of CAB's best features. I wrote one to several of the fellas who have had letters published. What about an answer, boys?

Correspondent Gerald Windham,
15, Rienzi, Mississippi

Watch for more interesting Correspondents' reports in the next big issue of "Calling All Boys!"

YOU'RE A MAGICIAN!

Here are two magic tricks you can do to amuse and amaze your friends

THE DISSOLVING COIN

THE dissolving coin trick can be really effective, but it takes practice to do well. Give it a try.

A coin, placed beneath a handkerchief, is dropped into a glass containing a little water. The magician says he made the coin dissolve, but when he lifts the cloth it is still there.

Pretending to be disturbed, he takes some "dissolving powder" from his pocket, sprinkles it in the water and again covers the glass with the handkerchief. This time he asks someone in his audience to hold the glass and handkerchief while he puts a rubber band around the rim.

In a few moments, the magician announces the powder's work is done. The helper removes the cloth and—the coin is gone!

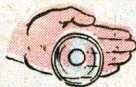
Here's how it's done, prestidigitator. Before dropping the coin from within the handkerchief, tilt the glass backward so the coin hits the outside of the glass, landing in the bend of the fingers. Then simply slide the glass over the coin.

When you remove the cloth to show that the coin is still there, make sure the people look straight down at it. Because of the refraction of water, it will appear to be inside, not outside, of the glass.

The dissolving powder is used just as byplay. How do you get rid of the coin? Just drop it in your pocket when you reach for the rubber band!



The coin stays outside



Subjects look straight down.

MENTAL MYSTERY

Your friends will call you a mental telepathist after you solve this mystery of the six cardboard discs.

Show your subject that each disc has two different-colored sides. Now, without looking, tell him to take any disc, note the color of one side, and find another disc with the same color. This he places over the first so the same colors are face to face. Then he repeats the procedure, using the newly upturned color of the second disc for matching. This process continues until all the discs are stacked.

If the subject can't find a mate for any color, he turns the stack over and pairs up the color that then appears on top. The stack of six completed, he concentrates on the two colors that remain, the one on top and the other on the bottom. You, of course, name the two colors immediately!

Make the six discs and color the sides of each as follows: Red—Green; Green—Blue; Blue—Black; Black—Yellow; Black—Orange; Orange—Yellow.

No matter how many times the discs are stacked the way described, the top and bottom will always be red and black—just as you called it!




Put same colors face to face.



Red and black always remain.

HIGH SWAMP

By JIM CHAPMAN



When Kulat the wolverine picked his prey, it was as good as dead . . . and this night he had chosen fleet-footed Waba the rabbit

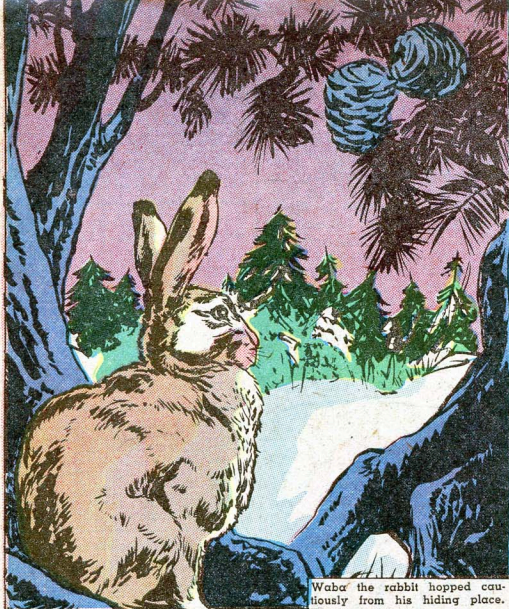
Madly, he tore the wolverine's face with his hooked talons.

The light of the setting sun flashed and gleamed from a score of snowy crags. The white peaks stretched away into the hazy distance, their dazzling brilliance in sharp contrast to the blue and purple slopes which lay below.

They were wild beyond compare, these mighty Selkirks of British Columbia, beautiful and unchanged since the beginning of the history of the human race.

On a high sheltered ledge there was a movement as Kulat, the

wolverine, uncurled and stood up. He was a restless animal by nature, continually traveling from place to place, but usually on a similar route. Kulat stretched like a dog, flexed his stubby legs, then walked to where he could see into



Waba the rabbit hopped cautiously from his hiding place.

the darkening basin below him.

The snowy slope dropped away to where evergreens rose in a thick mass from the basin floor. Kulat gazed at them through the failing light. He knew it to be a swamp and there he would secure his evening meal. Now he ambled along the snowy ledge and began to hurry downward. He was a large brown animal with two wide white stripes down his back like a skunk, but he was fully five times as large and much broader.

In the swamp below, Waba the snowshoe rabbit hopped cautiously from his hiding place beneath the upturned roots of a big fallen tamarack. He sat listening to the faint sounds of the woods, his leaf-like ears turning this way and that to funnel in any hint of danger. His round black eyes seldom lowered to the snowy ground, but watched the sky tensely. His dreaded enemy, the great horned owl, would by this time have begun to hunt.

The owl had come two moons before, a great brown shadow which drifted over the swamp on velvet wings. Every night he killed, striking down one of Waba's companions of the High Swamp. Only the most cunning and sharp-witted rabbits survived.

Now their numbers were small and the nightly struggle had become a desperate thing for each of them.

Waba watched the moon come up from behind the mountain. It lit the clearings among the giant spruces and made the frost on the evergreen branches sparkle like stars. The feathery silence of the night was only broken by the distant gurgling of water as it trickled beneath the snow from a spring higher on the slope.

The owl went by, its big round head peering about, sharp horns silhouetted against the starlit sky. Waba crouched perfectly still, the fur of his back tingling as he remembered how close the sharp grasping talons had come on two previous occasions. Now he was wise. He'd learned that it was only safe to venture into the open in search of food after the owl had its evening meal.

Three times in the next half hour the owl went by but Waba remained where he was, looking like another white mound of snow. He knew that the owl's eyes were keen and its hearing keener. It could hunt on the darkest of nights, locating its victims through an uncanny sense of sound. Waba took no chances.

Suddenly from up the swamp Waba heard the terrified nasal screams of some rabbit less cautious than himself. The cries continued for a dozen seconds, then ceased abruptly. Waba shivered. He waited till the moon climbed past the tip of a towering pine, then hopped out of the swamp and across an open space to the willow thickets. Waba knew that the owl of High Swamp would not kill again that night, and it would not move far unless some strange owl came hunting. In that case he would angrily drive the intruder from his domain.

The willows were bare-limbed and Waba could see beneath them. He had other enemies: the lynx, the coyote, the fisher, and even the cougar who did not object to an occasional feast on tender rabbit meat. Waba had more than once escaped from these hunters. Caution and a head start were required, then he could reach the deadfall tangles in the swamp and be safe.

The snow spread like a silver sheet around him. It seemed empty and harmless. Waba reached his favorite willow clump, looked about cautiously, then stood on his hind legs. With his forepaws he pulled down a tender branch and nipped six inches off the tip. He settled down to eat, beginning at the tender end. Waba stopped often to listen, look about and test the air. Other rabbits had come to the willows. He could hear the rasping of their teeth as they ate. One of them was less than fifty yards away.

The moon climbed higher and the shadows of the willows grew shorter. Waba had almost satisfied his appetite on the tender twigs and bark when he saw a dark shadow emerge from the swamp. He could see at a glance that it wasn't any usual enemy. This creature was low, brown and broad. Slowly Waba sank down upon the snow and folded his ears, fear growing with him. Only one creature could answer the description of the animal now stealthily approaching over the snow—Kulat, the wolverine! This killer visited but rarely, yet when he came a wave of terror swept the High Swamp.

Kulat's deadliness lay in his stubborn determination. Waba had seen him take up a rabbit's trail and follow it, spurning all others, until his chosen victim

fell from exhaustion. Kulat was not swift but when he picked his prey it was doomed. It was this which struck such terror to the hearts of the furry dwellers in High Swamp.

Now Kulat advanced over the crusted snow, straight toward him, as though following an invisible line. Waba knew that he'd been seen. He leapt up and fled, darting through the willows like an arrow of white, circling back toward the swamp. The wolverine began to follow. He ran at a lumbering lope.

Waba reached the swamp at the upper side, leapt a snowfilled gully, and plunged into a tangle of windfallen trees. On the further

lent, as though it was holding its breath while Kulat the killer was in its heart. Overhead the moon shone brightly. Water gurgled from the spring. A coyote howled. Waba's breathing became more normal and his heart ceased to pound. The minutes passed. Perhaps he had managed to throw the deadly hunter off his trail.

Then faintly, like branches blown together by the wind, came the sound of footfalls! They grew louder until out of the trees, his nose on Waba's tracks, came Kulat, traveling at his steady lope!

Waba fled in panic, taking great bounds to gather speed, Kulat didn't alter his pace but loped after him like an unavoidable



Kulat was closer now and Waba saw his green eyes flashing in the moonlight.

side he turned sharply and cut through a copse of young cedar mixed with spindly tangled willows. On the further side he plunged beneath the great towering spruce which shut off the moonlight by the denseness of their branches. Here the snow was not crusted and below lay the cushion softness of moss. He made another complete circle on the further end of the swamp, deliberately criss-crossing over his own tracks. Then, winding his way through the most impenetrable thickets, he made his way back to the big fallen tamarack near the edge of the swamp. A few yards from the entrance he stopped to listen.

The swamp was strangely si-

lence of death. It seemed as though he knew how far he had come and how much further he would have to go before he had fresh rabbit for his supper.

Waba circled the swamp again, going to even greater trouble to hide his trail and confuse his pursuer. But in his heart he felt the terror of defeat and death. His life would only last as long as his aching legs and lungs would continue to carry him. It could not be long.

The next time he reached the fallen tamarack he'd scarcely sat up on his haunches when he heard Kulat coming!

This time he fled blindly, terror rising within him until it made him weak. His pursuer was so re-

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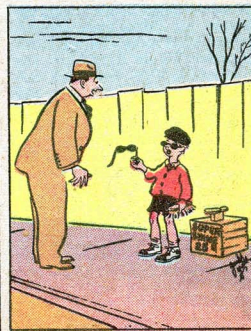
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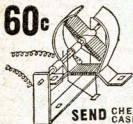


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lentless; so confident that he
would win. Kulat was closer now
and Waba saw his green eyes
flashing in the moonlight and his
long white fangs. He loomed
closer, like a huge porcupine in a
hurry. To Waba the sight of him
was a thousand times more ter-
rible than any lynx or coyote had
ever been. His terror made him
stiff and his legs began to drag.

Suddenly Kulat clicked his teeth
and increased his speed. He could
do it safely now that the chase
was almost done.

Waba leapt forward and a faint
nasal scream broke from his
throat. He ducked through a
thicket of small cedars and
plunged under the shadowy pines.
The wolverine was almost upon
him and he screamed again. He
ducked sharply to one side, Ku-
lat's breath hot on his heels, then
he plunged in the opposite direc-
tion. His scream became a ter-
rified wail when Kulat's teeth
plucked fur from his tail.

Then he heard a faint swishing
sound overhead and a hoot of
anger. A snarl broke from Kulat.
Waba looked back.

The owl of High Swamp had
dropped upon Kulat, mistaking
him no doubt for one of his

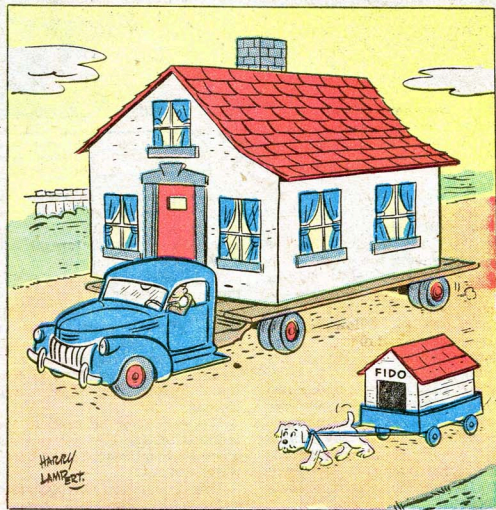
winged rivals. He was tearing at
the wolverine's face with his tal-
ons and Kulat in turn had seized
one of the owl's wings in his teeth.
Waba waited to see no more. He
raced on, plunging into the near-
est tangle of deadfall, and began
to pant.

For a few moments hoots and
snarls shattered the peaceful quiet
of the swamp. Then Waba heard
only the crunching of bones. He
waited, quivering with fear, ex-
pecting every moment to see Ku-
lat on his trail. But the wolverine
didn't come.

It was almost dawn before Wa-
ba moved. He crept slowly from
his hiding place, one hop at a
time, listening, wrinkling his nose
and gazing about.

The moon had gone and it
was black under the spruce. But
it was light enough for him
to see that only a heap of
feathers remained where Kulat
had killed the owl. From there
the wolverine's tracks left the
swamp, following his usual route
toward the opposite side of the
basin.

Waba kicked up his heels and
hopped back to his bed among the
roots of the big tamarack.



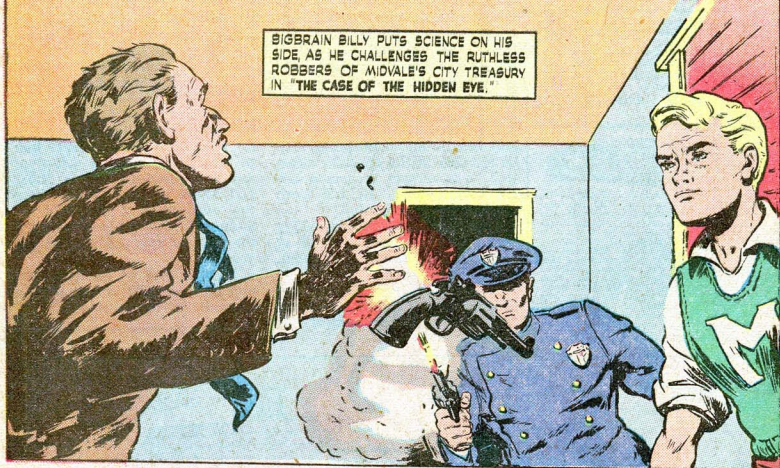
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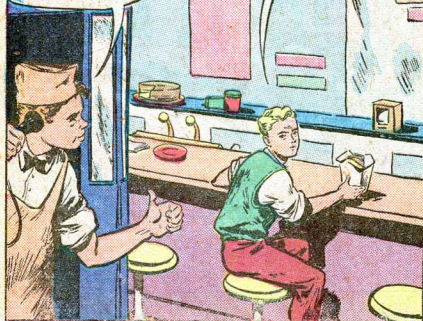
BIGBRAIN BILLY PUTS SCIENCE ON HIS SIDE, AS HE CHALLENGES THE RUTHLESS ROBBERS OF MIDVALE'S CITY TREASURY IN "THE CASE OF THE HIDDEN EYE."



AS OUR STORY STARTS, BILLY IS ON AN ERRAND FOR HIS MOTHER....

PHONE, BILLY! IT'S MAYOR HARTLEY.

FOR ME?



I'VE BEEN CALLING ALL OVER TOWN FOR YOU, BILLY. COME TO MY OFFICE RIGHT AWAY. I NEED YOUR HELP!

YES, SIR.



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

AND THAT'S THE STORY, BILLY. IT'S ONLY AN UNDERWORLD RUMOR, BUT IF THE CITY TREASURY IS ROBBED, IT CAN BE DONE IN ONLY ONE OF TWO WAYS...

HOW, YOUR HONOR?

BY CROOKS GETTING A COPY OF THE SECRET ALARM SYSTEM, OR BY THERE BEING A FLAW IN THAT SYSTEM. I'M CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP, SIR?

I WISH I KNEW. CAN YOU SUGGEST A PLACE TO MEET?

MMM — HOW ABOUT THE LARGE ROOM BEHIND THE X-RAY LAB AT CITY HOSPITAL? NO ONE WOULD SUSPECT IT.

BY GOLLY YOU'RE RIGHT, BILLY. I'LL CALL THE MEETING RIGHT AWAY!

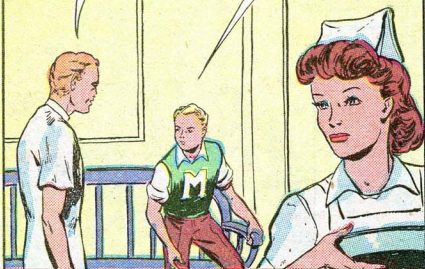
FINE! SEE YOU LATER, YOUR HONOR.

THAT'S A KID FOR YOU. WALKS OUT WHEN YOU NEED HIM MOST. I COULD HAVE DECIDED WHERE TO HAVE THE BLASTED MEETING MYSELF.

BILLY, MEANWHILE, GOES DIRECTLY TO CITY HOSPITAL.

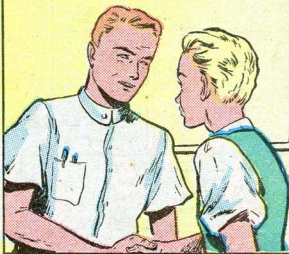
WELL! BIGBRAIN BILLY IN PERSON. GOT ANY MORE FROGS YOU WANT X-RAYED?

NOT THIS TIME, DOC, BUT I DO NEED YOUR HELP



LATER...

IT'S A FANTASTIC IDEA, BILLY, BUT I'LL STRING ALONG...PROVIDING YOU RESTRICT YOURSELF ALONG THE LINES I MENTIONED.



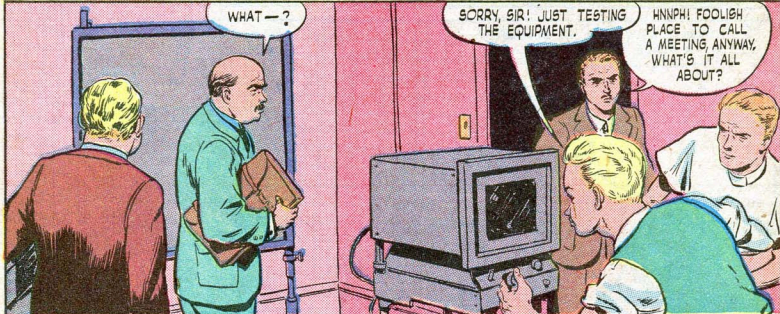
THAT AFTERNOON AS COUNCILMEN ENTER THE SECRET MEETING CHAMBER THROUGH THE X-RAY LAB...

WHAT—?



SORRY, SIR! JUST TESTING THE EQUIPMENT.

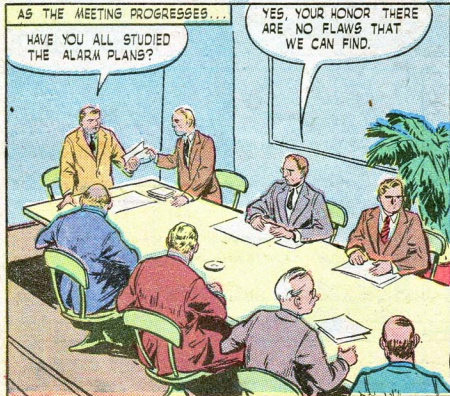
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AS THE MEETING PROGRESSES...

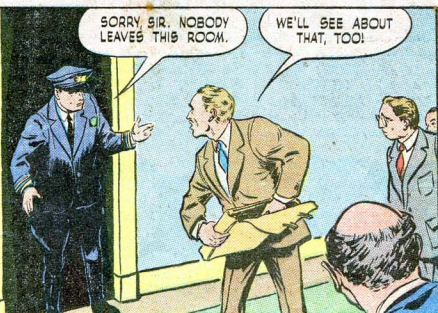
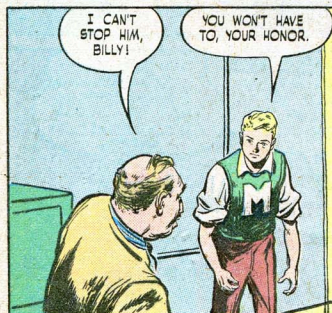
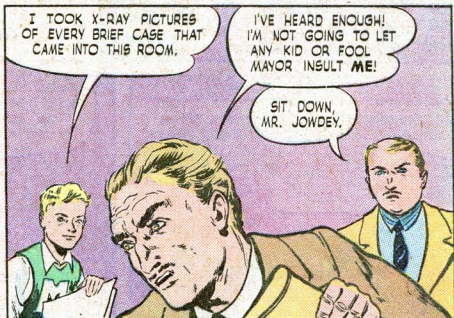
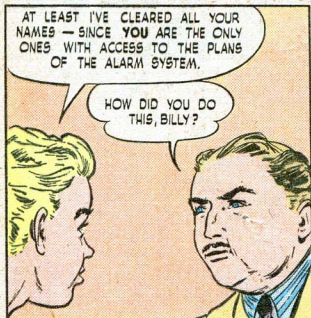
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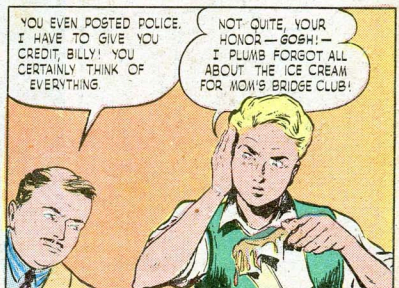
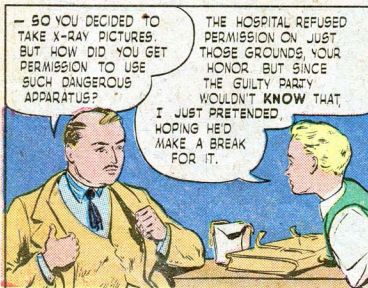
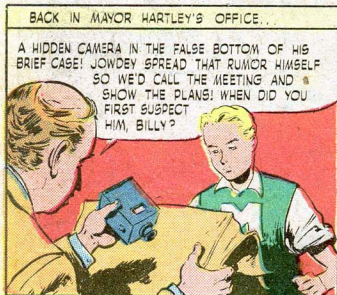
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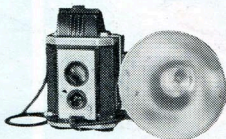


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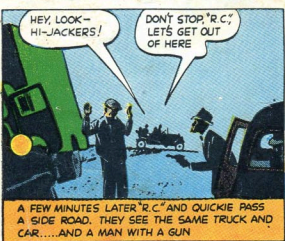
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